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October 19, 2006

Janet Diehl California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Oakland CA 94612-2530

Dear Ms. Diehl:

I am writing in strong support of the Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project application for the City of Pacifica. As a champion of environmental issues, I want to make sure that you are aware of the significant long-term benefits to the transformation of a degraded creek system to its native state. Restoration of the San Pedro Creek will result in improved spawning and passage for Steelhead species, increased flood protection, and habitat preservation. San Pedro Creek is an important resource for other species of wildlife, as well as providing an outstanding home for the San Francisco Garter Snake and the threatened California Red-legged Frog.

I am certain that this project will be a most effective use of our limited conservation resources and will provide lasting benefits to the community of Pacifica and its creek-side residents, while protecting many of our precious creatures. I strongly encourage you to give full consideration to Pacifica's Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project.

Cordially,

Tom Lantos

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October 14, 2006

Ms. Janet Diehl California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: City of Pacifica's Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project

Dear Ms. Diehl:

I am writing to express my most enthusiastic support for the City of Pacifica's application for grant funding to be used in the Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project. The Project's benefits are significant and include flood protection, longitudinal connectivity, better spawning habitat, and improved adult and juvenile fish passage.

San Pedro Creek is an important resource for wildlife, providing excellent habitat for a federally listed endangered species, the San Francisco Garter Snake, and a threatened species, the California Red-Legged Frog. I am confident the project will prove to be invaluable to the community and the creek-side residents, not to mention to the long-term health of the area's steelhead trout population

The Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project will help improve local ecosystems and encourage the resurgence of species native in San Mateo County. Once again, I enthusiastically support the City of Pacifica's application for grant funding for the Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the merit of this project.

Sincerely,

Gene Mullin, ASSEMBLYMEMBER

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October 11, 2006

Janet Diehl California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 11th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: City of Pacifica Adobe Bridge Culvert Removal Project

Dear Ms. Diehl,

The City of Pacifica is in the process of restoring the creek channel and adjoining watershed. Providing funding for the completion of the lower stream restoration and the fish passage project will provide significant biological improvements for both animal species and humans. This will also provide longitudinal connectivity and natural flow patterns to sustain full functionality. Full functionality will offer endangered species such as the Steelhead Trout a much-needed opportunity to bring their numbers back to what they once were. The City with this project will also be taking steps in risk prevention because this project will significantly decrease the chances of destruction of the buildings within close proximity due to flooding during winter months.

We are expressing our support for funding the completion of this restoration project.

Thank you so much for your support.

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October 5, 2006

Janet Diehl Project Manager California Coastal Conservancy 11th Floor, 1330 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Diehl,

The San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition is a non-profit organization that has been working to protect and restore San Pedro Creek and its watershed since its inception in November 1999. Our group has worked closely with the City of Pacifica and is supportive of their dedication to improving and restoring the quality of life for Pacifica's residents, wildlife and the surrounding environment.

The City of Pacifica is in the process of removing the culvert at the Adobe Bridge and replacing it with a free spanning bridge and cross vane weirs for improved adult and juvenile fish passage. This project will eliminate the only steelhead barrier below the recently restored Capistrano reach and will assist with completion of the lower stream restoration by restoring longitudinal connectivity. In addition to benefiting steelhead, the restoration will improve habitat for local populations of California Red-legged Frog which is federally listed as a threatened species. Replacement of the culvert with a free spanning bridge will also decrease flooding in the surrounding neighborhood. We understand that the City's project is being planned to work in concert with other habitat restoration and bank stabilization projects both upstream and downstream of the bridge, and has carefully studied the hydraulic effects of this culvert replacement. We applaud their use of a longitudinal view of the creek in planning each project.

The San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition would like to express its support for the City's restoration efforts and would like to endorse the funding of this important community enhancement project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jerry Davis

President, San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition

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